

# NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORAL UNIT 1



## St Nicholas Parish

Mass Times  
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Sunday 10.00am  
**Parish Live Streaming of Masses**  
from St Nicholas Church; log onto  
<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstnicholas>  
or via the parish website; [www.saintnicholasparish.ie](http://www.saintnicholasparish.ie)



## St Mary's Parish

Mass Times  
Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Sunday 11.30am  
Monday to Friday Morning Mass 10.00am  
**Parish Live Streaming of Masses**  
from St Mary's Church; log onto  
<https://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmaryscatholicchurch>

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Clergy Contacts

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Fr Gerard O'Leary 0879378685

Salesian Sisters 061-348510



Baptisms are held in **St Nicholas Church** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in the month.

Baptisms are held in **St Mary's Church** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in the month; Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 12.30pm.

Contact the Parish Office for more information and a Baptism Enrolment form.

### St Nicholas Parish Office

Open Monday & Thursday 9.30am -1.30pm  
Email: [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com)  
Phone: 061-341300

### St Mary's Parish Office

Open Wednesday & Friday 10.30am-1.00pm  
Email: [stmarysparishlk@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysparishlk@outlook.com)  
Phone: 061-416300

You can contact the office if you wish to book a mass, order a cert or leave in your offerings to support your church. With Sympathy Mass cards & Mass Bouquet cards are available from the Parish Office

### PARISH FACEBOOK:

[www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/](http://www.facebook.com/Saintnicholasparish/)  
[www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick](http://www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Catholic-Parish-Limerick)

We encourage local groups in the area to avail of the Weekly Newsletter to promote upcoming events



Please send details for both parishes to [saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasparishoffice@gmail.com) with NEWSLETTER in the heading

**Our Newsletter is printed every Thursday at 12noon. Items received after this time unfortunately cannot be included**

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may e found at [www.birthinfo.ie](http://www.birthinfo.ie) or by calling TUSLA at +353818445500



We offer our condolences to the family of Joseph Phylan R.I.P.

May he rest in eternal peace, Amen

### Mass Intentions St Nicholas Church

#### Saturday 6.30pm

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#### Sunday 10.00am

Christine Woods and deceased family members  
Deceased members of the Ryan, the Keating & the Rush families



We offer our condolences to the families of Bridget 'Bridie' Ashton née Cusack R.I.P.  
Mary Madden R.I.P.

Patrick 'Pa' O'Donnell R.I.P.

John 'Johnny' Cregan R.I.P.

Alison Coffey-Sheehan R.I.P.

Larry 'Laurence' Martin R.I.P.

May they rest in eternal peace, Amen

### Mass Intentions St Mary's Church

#### Saturday 5.00pm

Tony McInerney M.M.  
Kathleen Gavin M.M. & Birthday remembrance  
Mary & Sean Frawley Anniv  
Noel Buckley 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv  
Leah Cantillon 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv  
Alice Carmody Anniv  
John & Kathleen Cosgrove & deceased members of Cosgrove & Cronin Families

#### Sunday 11.30am

Thomas Coughlan M.M.  
Pauline & Mick O'Gorman Anniv  
Paul Flannery Anniv  
Marie Murphy Flannery 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv  
Ben O'Sullivan Anniv  
Claudia Hannon Anniv  
Mary McNamara Anniv

### Prayer for the sick:

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those who are preparing for and awaiting results of tests and those in hospital. Lord Jesus, you are the true friend of all those who suffer anguish and pain in spirit, mind or body. Please share with them now the gift of your consoling love.

This Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, at the 10am mass in St Nicholas Church we will remember the anniversary of the **Reparation Nuns** founder. There will be teas & coffees in the hall afterwards

Prayer for when I can't receive communion

**Act of  
Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Parish Pastoral Council** meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to raise any items/ issues or suggestions at a meeting, please send by email to the relevant Pastoral Council  
St Nicholas Parish Pastoral council email: [PPCStNicholas@gmail.com](mailto:PPCStNicholas@gmail.com)  
St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council email: [stmarysparishlk@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysparishlk@outlook.com)



The total collection for weekend 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February amounted to €1225 in St Nicholas Church (including Diocesan Needs) and € 2024 in St Mary's Church (including Diocesan Needs)

We are very thankful for your continued generosity, and grateful for your loyalty and support.

**Scripture Reflection Group**

Sr Betty Baker will hold a scriptures reflection session on each Thursday after the morning Mass in St Mary's Church. Each session will last about 30minutes. If you would like to join us, come to the sacristy after Mass.

**St Nicholas Parish Meditation Group**

*"Let us go to a quiet place and rest awhile"*  
Our parish meditation group meets every Tuesday at 10.45 in St. Nicholas Prayer Chapel. Everybody is welcome. All you need do is *"turn up, close your eyes and get out of God's way"...*

**Meeting for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**

Tuesday 27th February in St. Nicholas' Church  
Readers at 7.30pm - Eucharistic Ministers at 8pm.  
If you are involved in both ministries, we kindly ask that you attend both meetings if possible.

**Lenten Reflections**

*An opportunity to pause and reflect*

Where? St. Nicholas Adoration Chapel  
When? Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Time? 7.30pm

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? Then you are a family carer!  
Become a member of **Family Carers Ireland**.  
*More information on the notice board*

Congratulations to all the young people who were Confirmed on Saturday



*May the Holy Spirit  
always guide you  
and bless you on life's  
journey.*

Thank you to the parents & teachers for helping prepare the young people. Thank you to everyone from the wider parish community who assisted with cleansing and preparing the Church, providing music and stewarding, thus giving the families the best we could to provide them with a prayerful ceremony and a safe experience.

**Speakers at Sunday Masses for LENT**

**On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February** Dean Niall Sloane, our neighbour at St. Mary's Cathedral, will preach at our 11.30am Mass on the topic; "At a time when the Christian Churches are in freefall in Ireland; do we not still deserve to be a voice in the Market Place".  
**On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** Fr. Michael Long, a Kiltegan who ministered in Africa, an environmentalist, and now works at the Cabragh Wetlands Project, Holycross, Tipperary. Fr Michael will speak on the issue of the environment and Christianity

**Trócaire 2024**

Malawi is a country with extremely high levels of poverty. Parents cannot afford basic food to give their children, and inflation means that prices are rocketing. Infrastructure is very basic, and electricity blackouts can last for weeks. Families are already finding it very difficult to live, but the unpredictability of climate change is making things dramatically worse.

Trócaire is working with local partners to make a difference to families caught in the grip of poverty. By donating to Trócaire, you can make a huge difference to already-vulnerable communities who are facing the devastating effects of climate change.

To learn more, go to: [https:// www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/ parishes/](https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/)

**Bereavement Support Information Evening** will take place in Milford Care Centre, Education Department on Tue 27th February 2024 from 7pm - 8.30pm.

The Bereavement Information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. Members of the Bereavement Service will be present to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. The Information Evening is Free